GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
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DEVELOPMENT OF ACCELERATOR DRIVEN SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any accelerator driven system to produce nuclear power has been developed in a bid to utilise the vast reserves of thorium in the country and to minimise nuclear wastes; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this direction so far, indicating the quantum of thorium reserves in different States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTI STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE):

(a) & (b) Development of accelerator driven system has recently been initiated and it would take considerable time before it can be used to utilise thorium resources and minimise nuclear wastes.